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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

Thanks for your letter. I hope to be at the conference at Baltimore for at least some part of June 18th - 22nd, and look forward to seeing you there and I hope later at Woods Hole.

As regards genetic terminology, I agree with you about "alleles"; perhaps one could speak of "suballeles" as the seriated units. "Locus" on the other hand is a nice elastic term - after all, it merely means a place! It seems to me that we are in the same sort of trouble over genes and loci as the physicists were in over atoms when they found they were not indivisible. Maybe temporarily one could use locus in the customary sense of the site of a normal gene and sublocus that of my suballeles. However, one would need a lot of discussion over this! I am glad you like my term morph; actually, I am prouder of my other terminological invention cline, which became universally adopted within 4 or 5 years.

Yours sincerely,

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